

## United States District Court for the District of Nebraska

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**Joseph F. Bataillon**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Creighton 1971 BA, 1974 JD  
Began Service: October 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender,  
County of Douglas, Nebraska (1974-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Trial Attorney, Emil F. Sodoro P.C. (1980); Trial Attorney,  
Sodoro, Johnson, Daly, Stave, Cavel & Coffey (1980-1981); Trial  
Attorney, Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro (1981-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve, United States Department of  
the Army (1971-1986)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Judicial Division,  
American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar  
Association; Omaha Bar Association

### Staff

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**Richard G. Kopf**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Nebraska (Kearney) 1969 BA; Nebraska 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 26, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Donald R. Ross, United States Court  
of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1972-1974)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of  
Nebraska (1987-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Cook, Kopf & Doyle (1974-1987)

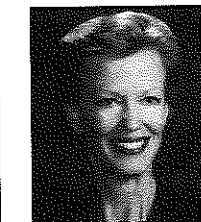
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**Laurie Smith Camp**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Stanford 1974 BA; Nebraska 1977 JD  
Began Service: November 2, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** Associate General Counsel, First National Bank and Trust  
Company (1977-1978)

**Government:** General Counsel, Department of Correctional Services, State  
of Nebraska (1980-1991); Chief, Civil Rights Section, Department of  
Justice, State of Nebraska (1991-1995); Chief Deputy Attorney General  
for Criminal Matters, Department of Justice, State of Nebraska  
(1995-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Turner & Boisseau (1978-1979); Solo  
Practitioner (1980)

**Current Memberships:** Nebraska Bar Foundation; Nebraska State Bar  
Association; Omaha Bar Association

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**Warren K. Urbom**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925  
Education: Wesleyan U 1950 AB;  
Michigan 1953 JD  
Began Service: 1970  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor of Trial Advocacy, College of Law, University  
of Nebraska-Lincoln (1979-1991); Adjunct Instructor of Trial Techniques,  
Emory University (1994-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Baylor, Evnen, Baylor, Urbom & Curtiss

**Military Service:** United States Army (1944-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of  
Trial Lawyers; Lincoln Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association

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**Lyle E. Strom**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925  
Education: Creighton 1950 AB, 1953 JD  
Began Service: November 1, 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Creighton University

**Legal Practice:** Fitzgerald, Brown, Leahy, Strom, Schorr & Barmettler  
(1953-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Merchant Marines (1943-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar  
Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature  
Society; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Nebraska State Bar  
Association; Omaha Bar Association

### Staff

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### Chambers of Magistrate Judge David L. Piester

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**David L. Piester**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Nebraska 1969 BS, 1972 JD  
Began Service: January 20, 1981  
Term Expires: January 2013

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,  
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
(1979-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society (1972-1973); Legal  
Services Corporation (1975-1977)

**Nonprofit:** Consultant, National Legal Aid & Defender Association  
(1974-1976); Executive Director, Legal Aid of Nebraska (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Lincoln  
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### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken

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**Thomas D. Thalken**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Creighton 1964 BA, 1966 JD  
Began Service: January 4, 1993  
Term Expires: January 4, 2009

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,  
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
(1971-1980); First Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,  
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
(1981-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Nebraska State Bar Association; Omaha Bar  
Association

### Staff

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Education: Iowa State 1966 BS